

# Coahuilteco language

**Coahuilteco** was one of the Pakawan languages that was spoken in southern Texas (United States) and northeastern Coahuila (Mexico). It is now extinct.


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## Classification

Coahuilteco was grouped in an eponymous Coahuiltecan family by John Wesley Powell in 1891, later expanded by additional proposed members by e.g. Edward Sapir. Ives Goddard later treated all these connections with suspicion, leaving Coahuilteco as a language isolate . Manaster Ramen (1996) argues Powell's original more narrow Coahuiltecan grouping is sound, renaming it Pakawan in distinction from the later more expanded proposal.

## Sounds

### Consonants

Coahuilteco	
<b>Native to</b>	Mexico, United States
<b>Region</b>	Coahuila, Texas
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Quems, Pajalat, etc.
<b>Extinct</b>	not attested after 18th century
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Hokan ?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coahuiltecan ?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pakawan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Coahuilteco</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
<b>Dialects</b>	Pajalat
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	xcw
<b>Linguist List</b>	xcw ( <a href="http://multitree.org/codes/xcw">http://multitree.org/codes/xcw</a> )
<b>Glottolog</b>	coah1252 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/coah1252">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/coah1252</a> ) <sup>[1]</sup>
	
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		<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Inter-dental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Post-alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>		<u>Glottal</u>
							plain	labial	
<u>Nasal</u>		m		n					
<u>Plosive</u>	plain	p		t			k	k <sup>w</sup>	
	ejective	p′		t′			k′	k <sup>w</sup> ′	(?)
<u>Affricate</u>	plain			ts	tʃ				
	ejective			ts′	tʃ′				
<u>Fricative</u>			(θ)	s	ʃ		x	x <sup>w</sup>	h
<u>Approximant</u>	plain			l		j		w	
	glottalized			l′					

## Vowels

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	i / iː		u / uː
<u>Mid</u>	e / eː		o / oː
<u>Open</u>		a / aː	

Coahuilteco has both short and long vowels.<sup>[2]</sup>

## See also

- Coahuiltecan languages
- Coahuiltecan people

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## External links

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- Coahuiltecan Indians (<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/bmcah>)
  - Reassessing Cultural Extinction: Change and Survival at Mission San Juan Capistrano, Texas – Chapter 8: Linguistics (<https://web.archive.org/web/20041110213940/http://data2.itc.nps.gov/parks/saan/ppdocuments/san%20juan%20cultural%20study2.htm>)
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